



Local citizens participate in the Volunteer Water Quality Sampling Event on the San Gabriel River.

Award Amount
\$288,000

Watershed
Los Angeles and San Gabriel River Watersheds

County
Los Angeles

CALFED Region
Southern California Region

Legislative Districts
US Congress: 30, 36, and 40
State Assembly: 41, 53, and 54
State Senate: 23, 25, 27, and 28

Purpose

Provide a watershed coordinator to facilitate expansion of community capacity to effectively manage the Los Angeles and San Gabriel River Watersheds.

Project Goals

- Manage the watershed for sustainable economic vitality, environmental health, and sustainability.
- Assist the communities in efficient use of water resources.
- Restore the watershed habitats for wildlife.
- Improve water quality to support boating, fishing, and swimming.
- Maintain current levels of public outreach.
- Expand activities in ways that would establish an ongoing relationship with the CALFED Watershed Program.

Benefits to the CALFED Program

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel River Watersheds are located in the Los Angeles area, a large-volume water importer from the Bay-Delta System. This project provides resources to the Los Angeles and San Gabriel River Watershed Council to develop long-term partnerships with communities in the watersheds to help educate citizens about groundwater protection and water conservation, develop watershed management plans, and promote better stewardship of the watersheds. The CALFED Water Use Efficiency Program identifies implementation of water conservation and reuse measures as a primary focus in urban Southern California. Reducing the amount of imported water to the watershed provides a direct benefit to the Bay-Delta System by leaving more water in the system for a variety of beneficial uses.

Project Overview

This project is located within the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River coastal watersheds of Los Angeles County, a densely populated and urbanized area in southern California. Communities in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel River Watersheds import large quantities of water from the Bay-Delta system and also rely on groundwater for domestic water supplies.

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel River Watershed Council provides ongoing outreach and education to diverse communities in the watershed. Their work includes educational material and building community involvement to improve watershed stewardship practices in the watersheds. Their efforts have helped produce several watershed management plans in the area.

This project supports the Watershed Council to expand activities and to transition from volunteer staff to paid professional staff. The Watershed Council is expanding long-term partnerships with various communities in the watershed to promote improved watershed management. Their work results in more efficient use of water and reduction of contamination of groundwater resources.



Volunteers monitor water quality in the San Gabriel River.

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